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Comments on Table

1. Czechoslovakia has been the major supplier of military equipment for the Middle East. Deliveries of tanks from Czechoslovakia to Egypt and Lebanon have been reported. Inasmuch as Czechoslovakia is currently producing 300 T-34 type tanks, they could supply reasonably large quantities to the Middle East.

2. It is also believed that aircraft would be supplied by the Czechs.

3. The USSR has never provided in recent years naval vessels or naval armament to countries outside the Bloc. They have, however, provided certain types of vessels to Satellite countries. For example, the USSR has probably given or sold to China the following naval vessels.

| <u>Class</u>              | <u>Number</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Older types of submarines | 6             |
| Older types of destroyers | 4             |
| Minesweepers              | 2             |
| Patrol Craft              | 56            |

They have also sold or given to Poland

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|---------------------------|---|
| Older types of submarines | 4 |
|---------------------------|---|

Assuming that these transfers within the Bloc are indications of a surplus of these types in the USSR due to naval building in recent years, then these same types may be available for sale to the Middle East. It is not believed that new vessels of any type would be provided.

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